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SUBJECT: U-2 PHOTOS OF EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE

PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF U-2 PHOTOGRAPHY OF GUATEMALA TAKEN
ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1976 SHOWS HEAVY DAMAGE. THE
INFORMATION IN THIS CABLE MAY BE SHARED WITH GOG. UNFORTU-
NATELY, CLOUDS OBSCURRED MUCH OF THE HARDEST HIT AREA
BETWEEN GUATEMALA CITY AND LAKE ATITLAN. PHOTOS OF DAMAGE
WILL ARRIVE IN POSSESSION OF AID ADMINISTRATOR PARKER.
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HEAVY DAMAGE TO BUILDINGS IN EL PROGRESO, EXTENSIVE RUBBLE
IN STREETS. PHOTOS I-1.

RR BLOCKED BY LANDSLIDE, STALLED TRAIN 15 KM NE OF ZACAPA.
PHOTO I-2.

TOWN OF SAN PEDRO SACATEPEQUEZ ALMOST TOTALLY DESTROYED,
FEW IF ANY UNDAMAGED STRUCTURES, ALMOST ALL BLOCKS ONLY
RUBBLE. PHOTO I-3.

EXTENSIVE DAMAGE IN URBAN AREA VICINITY CHIMALTENANGO.
PRECISE LOCATION UNSURE DUE TO CLOUD COVER. PHOTO I-4.

POSSIBLE NEW VENTS ONEAST BASE OF VULCAN FUEGO. STEAM/
SMOKE/DUST RISINGFROM WOODED AREA. LEFT CENTER OF PHOTO
I-6.

VOLCANIC ACTIVITY, VULCAN FUEGO. PHOTO I-7.

CHURCH WITHOUT PORTION OF ROOF CENTRAL ANTIGUA GUATEMALA.
UNCERTAIN IF THIS IS NEW DAMAGE. POSSIBLE RUBBLE BESIDE
CHURCH. OTHER BUILDINGS NEARBY DO NOT SHOW DAMAGE ON
AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY. PHOTO I-8.

GREENHOUSES WITH BROKEN ROOF PANELS POSSIBLY DUE TO
EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE, VICINITY SAN ANTONIO AQUAS CALIENTES.
PHOTO I-9.

SIX SINGLE ENGINE FIXED WING AIRCRAFT PARKED ON HIGHWAY
STRIP ON PAN AM HIGHWAY 1 KM NORTH OF PATIZICIA. PHOTO
I-10.

ONE SMALL FIXED WING AIRCRAFT PARKED ON EMERGENCY LANDING
STRIP ON HIGHWAY CA-9 3KM NW OF SANARATE. PHOTO II-1.

SOME DAMAGE OBSERVED TO APPROXIMATELY ONE QUARTER OF THE
STRUCTURES IN VILLAGE OF SAN ANTONIO LA PAZ. PHOTO II-2.

LARGE LANDSLIDE OVER RAILROAD NEAR LO DE RODRIGUEZ, NE OF
GUATEMALA CITY. BOULDERS ON TRACK FOR ONE HALF KM WEST
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OF SLIDE. PHOTO II-3.

DAMAGED FARM HOUSES, ROOFS COLLAPSED VILLAGE OF EL TRIUNFO
5 KM SE OF AGUA CALIENTES. PHOTO II-4.

RR COVERED BY LARGE LANDSLIKE 2 KM NW OF AGUA CALIENTE.
PHOTO II-5.

ROUTE C-AQ SUSPENSION BRIDGE OVER RIO LOS PACAYAS, 1 KM SW OF AGUA CALIENTE, IS COLLAPSED. ROAD APPROACHES TO BRIDGE ARE BLOCKED BY LANDSLIDES. RR BRIDGE APPEARS INTACT BUT MAY BE WEAKENED. RR ALSO BLOCKED BY LANDSLIDE. PHOTO II-6.

ROAD FROM ROUTE CA-9 TO PALECIA BLOCKED BY SEVERAL LANDSLIDES. PHOTO II-7.

30-40 PER CENT OF BUILDING APPEAR DAMAGED IN PALENCIA, 8 KM NE OF GUATEMALA CITY. PHOTO II-8.

NUMEROUS LANDSLIDES AND CAVED IN SECTION OF HIGHWAY PAVEMENT OBSERVED IN VICINITY OF LO DE RODRIGUEZ, NE OF GUATEMALA CITY. PHOTO II-9.

PEOPLE OBSERVED CAMPING IN STREETS AND ON PUBLIC GROUNDS IN EAST CENTRAL PORTION OF GUATEMALA CITY. PHOTO III-1.

HEAVY DAMAGE IN THE VICINITY OF SANTO DOMINGOS LOS OCOTES APPROXIMATELY 35 KM NE OF GUATEMALA CITY. FIFTY TO SIXTY PER CENT OF THE BUILDINGS ARE HEAVILY DAMAGED. PHOTO V-1.

DAMAGE IN THE VICINITY OF LOS PLANES, APPROXIMATELY 25 KM NE OF GUATEMALA CITY. APPROXIMATELY FORTY PER CENT OF THE BUILDINGS APPEAR HEAVILY DAMAGED. PHOTO V-2.

LANDSLIDES HAVE BLOCKED RAILROAD TUNNEL 1.5 KM WEST OF AGUA CALIENTE, APPROXIMATELY 20 KM NE OF GUATEMALA CITY. PHOTO V-3.

HEAVY DAMAGE IN THE VICINITY OF EL CHORO, APPROXIMATELY 30 KM NE OF GUATEMALA CITY. FORTY TO FIFTY PER CENT OF UNCLASSIFIED

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THE BUILDINGS ARE HEAVILY DAMAGED. PHOTO V-4.

DAMAGE TO SOLOLA 70 KM WNW OF GUATEMALA CITY. PORTION OF CHURCH ROOF COLLAPSED AND NUMEROUS BUILDINGS DAMAGED. PHOTO IV-1.

EXTENSIVE AREA OF LANDSLIDES ALONG HIGHWAY 1 5 KM NW OF PATZUN. HIGHWAY 1 IS COMPLETELY BLOCKED AT NUMEROUS LOCATIONS. PHOTO IV-2.

LARGE LANDSLIDE 5 KM NW OF PATZUN. THE LANDSLIDE COMPLETELY COVERS HIGHWAY 1 FOR APPROXIMATELY 0.5 KM AND IS BLOCKING A STREAM CREATING A SMALL LAKE. THIS PHENOMINA SHOULD BE WATCHED CLOSELY; WATER COULD BREAK NATURAL DAM AND FLOOD- PHOTO IV-3.

THE TOWN OF TECPAN GUATEMALA IS EXTENSIVELY DAMAGED.
APPROXIMATELY 80 PERCENT OF THE BUILDINGS ARE COMPLETELY
DESTROYED. PHOTO IX-4.

THE TOWN OF JOYABAJ IS HEAVILY DAMAGED. APPROXIMATELY 60
PERCENT OF THE BUILDINGS ARE COMPLETELY DESTROYED. PHOTO
IV-5.

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